P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, The National Association for Retarded Children was founded in 1950 to promote the general welfare of the mentally retarded of all ages everywhere, and the South Dakota Association for Retarded Children is a member unit of the National Association for Retarded Children, founded in 1954 for this same purpose; and

WHEREAS, five and one-half million children and adults in the United States are mentally retarded, and 18,000 of these citizens reside in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, retarded children can be educated and trained in special facilities geared to their needs and given an opportunity to lead happy, useful lives; and

WHEREAS, a vital need exists for intensive research to uncover the causes and preventive measures in Mental Retardation; and

WHEREAS, during the period from November 14 to November 25, 1965, funds will be sought for these programs and facilities by the South Dakota Units of the National Association for Retarded Children and the South Dakota Association for Retarded Children; and

WHEREAS, the success of this appeal will substantially benefit the health and strength of the nation and of the state of South Dakota by making possible better educational and rehabilitation service and expanded and accelerated research toward the prevention of Mental Retardation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the period from November 14th to November 25th, 1965, as

RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and urge that its citizens give full support to this effort in behalf of the mentally retarded and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

Nils A. Boe

NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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